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LCO No. 4397



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICES FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2017*) The Commissioner of
2 Education shall designate an employee of the Department of
3 Education, preferably an employee who has experience working with
4 gifted and talented students, to be responsible for providing
5 information and assistance to local and regional boards of education
6 and the parents or guardians of students. Such information and
7 assistance shall relate to awareness about and identification of, and the
8 provision of services to, gifted and talented students.

9 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2017*) The Department of Education shall
10 develop guidelines regarding the provision of services to gifted and
11 talented students in schools. Such guidelines shall include, but need
12 not be limited to, best practices for (1) addressing the intellectual,
13 social and emotional needs of gifted and talented students in schools,
14 (2) using technology to extend and advance curriculum materials to
15 provide instruction to gifted and talented students without promoting

16 such students to higher grade levels, and (3) providing educator
17 training and professional development relating to gifted and talented
18 students. Not later than January 1, 2018, the department shall make
19 such guidelines available to local and regional boards of education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require an employee of the Department of Education to be responsible for providing information and assistance to school districts and the public relating to gifted and talented students and to require the Department of Education to develop guidelines regarding best practices in the provision of services to gifted and talented students.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]